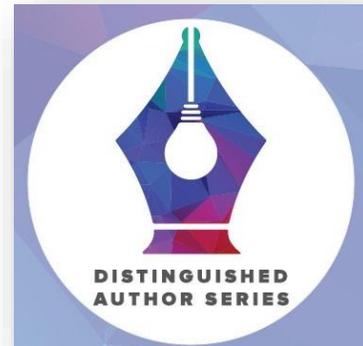


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Distinguished Author Series

The Santa Clara County Library District is proud to announce a four-part, virtual author series beginning in April. The Distinguished Author Series brings together great authors who spark new thoughts, ideas and deep discussion.

Delve into the minds of Dr. Robert Sapolsky, Jaron Lanier, Joyce Carol Oates and Jhumpa Lahiri to explore topics of the biology of stress and related diseases, the impact of technology on present lives and the future, and immigration. All talks will be moderated by a special guest and include an opportunity for Q&A.



Advanced registration required. All events are free, held online, and open to the public.

Thank you to our generous sponsors who make the Distinguished Author Series possible!



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Dr. Robert Sapolsky

Science and Nature Writer, Biologist and Neuroscientist and Stress Expert

Stanford Professor Dr. Robert Sapolsky is a biologist, neuroscientist and stress expert. He lectures on diverse topics such as stress and its diseases, the biology of our individuality, and living amongst baboons. His unique perspective on the human condition comes from his years working in the field and the findings of his research as a neuroscientist. His notable works include [Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers](#) (1994), [A Primate's Memoir](#) (2002) and [Behave: The Biology of Humans at Our Best and Worst](#) (2017).

Dr. Sapolsky will be in conversation with Tech Executive, Robin Abrams.

Wednesday, April 14 @ 7:00 pm
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Jaron Lanier

Scientist, Musician, Visual Artist and Author

Jaron Lanier is considered a Renaissance Man for the 21st Century for his work as a computer scientist, composer, visual artist and author. Writing on topics including high-technology business, the social impact of technology, Internet politics and the future of humanism, Lanier has been on the cusp of technical innovation and was a pioneer of virtual reality (a term he coined). Notable works include [Who Owns the Future?](#) (2013) and [Ten Arguments for Deleting your Social Media Accounts Right Now](#) (2018).

Lanier will be in conversation with [County Supervisor, Joe Simitian](#).

Wednesday, April 28 @ 7:00 pm

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Joyce Carol Oates

Award-Winning Novelist, Poet, Playwright and Essayist

Versatile and accomplished author Joyce Carol Oates has penned bestselling novels, critically acclaimed collections of short fiction, essays, plays and a memoir. Her writing has earned awards such as the National Book Award, O. Henry Awards, the National Humanities Medal and the Jerusalem Prize. Notable works include [We Were the Mulvaney](#)s (1996), [The Falls](#) (2004), [Night. Sleep. Death. The Stars](#) (2020) and [The \(Other\) You](#) (2021).

Moderator to be named at a later date.

Saturday, May 8 @ 3:00 pm

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Jhumpa Lahiri

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Short Story Writer and Novelist

Jhumpa Lahiri received the Pulitzer Prize in 2000 for [Interpreter of Maladies](#), her debut story collection that explores issues of love and identity among immigrants and cultural transplants. Her novel, [The Namesake](#) (2003), also received great acclaim, expanding the perplexities of the immigrant experience and search for identity. She was awarded the National Humanities Medal, the PEN/Hemingway Award and an O. Henry Prize, among others. [See some of Jhumpa Lahiri's works.](#)

Lahiri will be in conversation with [Author, Meg Clayton](#).

Saturday, May 22 @ 3:00 pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)

COMING APRIL 19: Expanded Library Building Access

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) is pleased to announce that on Monday, April 19th, community libraries in Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, and Saratoga will be welcoming our patrons into the libraries with expanded available spaces for full browsing, access to public computers, printers and scanners, and to obtain new library cards, Monday through Saturday. The open hours are also expanding and will be announced by April 12.



To provide a safe and successful experience, occupancy and seating will be limited to ensure social distancing, and patrons must wear a face-covering, maintain 6-ft. distance from others, and keep their visit to one hour or less. Curbside pick up will continue Monday – Saturday 3pm-5pm for contactless services, Bookmobile and Book Dash deliveries continue and programs will still be held online.

Campbell Library is preparing to close for a full renovation as collaboration with the City of Campbell continues to progress. The new temporary library space will open in Spring 2021. Curbside and walkup services will continue at the Campbell Library until the temporary facility opens. The temporary library will be conveniently located in the Campbell Community Center, near the Orchard Banquet Hall.

As a reminder, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, and Saratoga Libraries currently offer lobby and curbside service and the Campbell Library offers walkup and curbside service Monday through Saturday. Visit scclld.org/informed to see open hours at each location and a full list of library services available.

SPEAKING VOLUMES: Bo Caldwell

Join us on Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30pm for a special virtual event featuring author, Bo Caldwell. Her first novel, [The Distant Land of My Father](#), published in 2001, was a national bestseller, one of the Los Angeles Times' Best Books of 2001, and a Booksense 76 pick in both hardcover and paperback. Her second novel, [City of Tranquil Light](#), published in 2010, was also a national bestseller and one of O Magazine's Ten Must Reads for October 2010. Her personal essays have appeared in O, The Oprah Magazine, the Washington Post Magazine, and America Magazine.

[Register Here](#)

SCCLD for Teens

The Library District has unique opportunities available for our Teen patrons.

Teen Poetry Contest: Welcome to the 15th Annual SCCLD Poetry Contest!

- We invite teens to submit up to three poems. One winner from each library will be chosen in the following categories: Grades 6-8 (Middle School), Grades 9-12 (High School)

Visit our website for [full details](#)



ENTRY RULES:

- Submit up to three original poems, no longer than 30 lines.
- Poems may be submitted with the [online form](#) or contact your Teen Librarian to submit a paper entry form.
- Last day to submit your entry is April 30, 2021.
- Winners will receive a \$50.00 gift card.

Teen Open Mic Night: Do you sing, play an instrument, create poetry, dance or have some other kind of talent you can showcase through Zoom? Join us for a virtual open mic night and show your family and friends your talents. Friday, April 16 @ 6:30pm.

Performers ages 12-17 sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/performSA>

[Audience members register here](#) to receive a Zoom invite the day of the event.

Teen Volunteer Credit Opportunity: For those Teens looking to earn community service hours, SCCLD has a space for them to use their voice, be creative, and share their expertise! Teens STREAM+ gives teens the opportunity to make short videos about subjects including Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, Math, and more. Teens will fill out proposals, and once their idea is approved by a Teen Librarian and their video submitted, they will earn anywhere from two to eight community service hours (determined by scoring criteria and Teen Librarians' discretion). For more information and to see examples, [visit our website](#).

JPA- Save the Date

The next Library Joint Powers Authority Board meeting will be Thursday, April 29 @ 12:00pm

Celebrate the Library in April

National Library Week (April 4 - 10, 2021) is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions and promote library use and support. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and observed in all types of libraries across the country each April.

The theme for National Library Week 2021 is "Welcome to Your Library."



- Monday, April 5: State of America's Libraries Report released, including Top Ten Frequently Challenged Books of 2020.
- Tuesday, April 6: National Library Workers Day, a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.
- Wednesday, April 7: National Library Outreach Day (formerly National Bookmobile Day), a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.
- Thursday, April 8: Take Action for Libraries Day, a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

On behalf of SCCLD, thank you for your continued support of our libraries!

SCCLD Names Steve Fitzgerald as the New Deputy County Librarian

Please join us in congratulating Steve Fitzgerald as the new Deputy County Librarian. Many of you know Steve as he has been with SCCLD in various positions since 2007. He started with SCCLD as a Librarian at the Los Altos Library, then Supervising Librarian for Adults and Teens at the Cupertino Library, Community Librarian at the Milpitas Library, Library Services Manager for Literacy and Learning at the Services and Support Center, and most recently, working out of class as the Deputy County Librarian since January.



Steve brings a calm leadership style and strong dedication to improving public library experiences. As the Deputy County Librarian, Steve will lead our work to create a path towards resuming full public services at all of our libraries, and most importantly developing the District's best actions forward in providing excellent library services.

His official start date is April 5th.